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HEADQUARTERS' NEWS

The fall dinner meeting of your organization held at the Hotel Shelburne, on Friday night, Oct. 30th was a huge success. One-hundred-thirty-five members and guests attended.

Homage was paid to our Founders and Charter Members.

Election of officers and directors followed and the following were elected for two more years:

President, John Di Blasi, W2FX
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J. Albert Stobbe, W2WZ
David Talley, W2PF
Robert Hertzberg, W2DJJ

After election, our Honorary member and esteemed guest, Paul F. Godley gave a most interesting talk on past experiences. A very good time was had by all.

You probably noticed that a new Editor's name appears at the mast head. This is a temporary assignment. Your President volunteered to take over, as Ralph Barber is overloaded with work.

Thanks are due to the following members for their news contributions and hope they

will continue to keep us posted.

W1PO, Stan Poor; K2CM, Tom Mc Cann;
W2ZI, Ed Raser; W2PF, Dave Talley;
W5KW, Frank Gregory; K6FH, Ted Lowe;
W3ER, Mac Williams; W3YA, Gil Crossley;
W4IR, Charlie Service; W4RWM, Fred Demotte;
W8EBJ, Doc Howe; KP4KD, Everett Mayer;
W6SJ, George Davis; W8QC, Don Damon;
W8CAM, Ed Trombley; W3NUG, Bill Walker;
W0DBC, Tommy Tomczyk; VE3GE, Gordon McClain;
W4ZM, E. B. Redington; W7OS, "Doc" Spike;

Dave Talley, W2PF, our former Treasurer, advises that; the new President of the Radio Club of Brooklyn is QCWA member, Al Reiss, W2BN. Other QCWA members who are officers of the RCB are: Clarence Seid, W2CCD-W2KW, Vice President; Al Wessel, W2AAZ, Treasurer; Dave Talley, W2PF, and Dave Korpus, W2BKP, members of Board of Directors.

QCWA members are also well represented in the SSB Amateur Radio Association W2CMM is Vice President; and Board members include W2ALS, W2JXH, W2KH, W2KR, W2QZ, W2TP, and W2ZE.

W2PF visited old timers K4GG and W4CF in Bradenton, Florida, in December. He reports W2WZ still takes part in all DX tests on CW. He can always be found among the top three scorers.

The new HARC-Hudson Amateur Radio Council has the following QCWA members on its Board of Directors: W2KW, K2GZ, and W2IN.

Frank, W2FZ, still puts in time at Terminal

Radio when resting from the fur business. The Bronx Radio Club still meets at his home as it has since the 1920's.

NORTH JERSEY NEWS

Tom Mc Cann, K2CM our ex-veep, advises that the Jersey Side Banders had a ball checking in with Ernie and Hap, K6RJP, air mobile the other night. When they put the ARC-58 Kilowatt on 3999K.C. for a couple of hours from a Military version of the Boeing 707.

Charlie Atwater, W2JN, one of the old-olders is really back in business like he was a quarter of a century ago, when we all remember this "Sleepless wonder" for heavy activity on all bands at all hours. He still can't sleep!

Sixty-seven of his ardent admirers pulled a surprise house warming (in cahoots with the XYL, of course) on Burt Togel, W2LI, to warm up his fine color coded bathroom shack, he recently acquired for cozy living.

Jim Manship, K2FW, gives the young squirts some heavy competition in the 2-way SSB-DX business. Long since Jim has been 100 plus and he has the paste boards to prove it.

"Clobber" Cobb, W2CO, is crashing the big time on all bands having retired the "old home spun" rats nest for a highly polished Halligan version.

Rumor has it that Ole Cue-ball, as Walt is known to intimates, cracked open one of those barrels in the basement where he stashed away the golden stuff.

Tom Baldwin, W2HYV, sat down in his shack a month or so ago to catch up on reading his "recent" QST's now that he's retired for almost the third time. He spotted Hugo Romander's 4X-250B final in a 1956 issue, slammed the thing together, took out the parasites with a flat iron, hooked in one of Gunderson's transistorized phone patches and overnight became "the ham to look for" in all quarters of the globe.

Safaris, a habit of the North Jersey gang wherein some 20 to 50 of the boys within

a radius of some 200-300 miles rally round some "best in the area" chow house for eye ball QSO's have slacked only slightly in the season of snow and icy roads. These safaris just happen, they are never planned, which seems to be why they're so much fun.

SOUTH JERSEY NEWS

Ed Raser, W2ZI, our roving reporter from our Delaware Valley Chapter reports that: The Delaware Valley Chapter held its mid-winter dinner at Hedgerow Inn, Mt. Holly, N. J. on Feb. 20th.

Tom Dix, W3BFH Mc's the Tuesday evening roundtables held at 8 o'clock and also the Sunday morning 11 o'clock session each week. He sure does a nice job with that potent "killerwot" of a signal.

The Delaware Valley Chapter is going strong and now has a total membership of over 56.

W2ZI mobiled alla way down to Florida.

Made the rounds of the OT's and QCWA members visiting Fred Schnell, W4CF, recently retired in Bradenton, and many others including W4ZB, W4ZF, W4SGY, W4RP, W4AL, K4BY, W4TY, W4NW. While in Maine last October, stayed with old timer W1TU of Hancock, Maine, who recently retired from Govt. service and was the operator on watch at VCE, Cape Race, Nfld. when the Titanic went down on that fateful night in April, 1912. He and his chief took all traffic from the Carpathia and for 54 hours but with little rest, kept at this "grind" until all was cleared. An outstanding record and of little known to the outside world until now. The "unsung heros."

The 15th Annual Old Timer's Nite Round-Up and banquet sponsored by the Delaware Valley Radio Association will be held in the Grand Ball Room of the Hotel Stacy-Trent, on Saturday evening, April 30th, in down-town Trenton. Tickets are by reservation only and may be obtained from the General Chairman, Ed G. Raser, W2ZI.

At the last election of officers of the Delaware Valley Chapter, the following were installed for the new term:

Larry Norcross, W2PXZ Chairman; Ed G. Raser, W2ZI Vice Chairman; Earl Mc Cullough, W2ABQ Secretary; and Anthony S. Karker W2MR, Treasurer.

Ed B. Kerr, W2QUH of Trenton was taken to the hospital on Feb. 1st and is under observation. It is hoped that it's not serious and that he will be "on deck" again very soon and with us at the Chapter round-tables as always.

Doc Diesel, W2WOA and "B" Wentzel, W2HX are enjoying the thrills of South African and Korea DX with their new SSB rigs. Nice going fellas.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS

Stan Poor, W1PO reports that the Boston Providence Chapter is holding its Winter Dinner meeting on March 5th at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel in Providence, R. I.

That George Sterling, W1AE, left his summer hideout on Peake Island, Maine, and is spending the winter in Baltimore; he can be contacted through his friend, Joe Mullen K4JKR.

Comm. Charlie Blake, W1DWS, is taking a winter cruise as Radio Op. on the ship, State of Maine, operated by the Maine Maritime Academy. They are now off the West coast, having passed through the Canal in January. He may be found weekends on 28.7 MC at 1:00 P.M. and on 21.3 MC at 5:20 P.M.

Gorham Cluett, W1P1D, is at his winter quarters at Vero Beach, Florida and is on 29 MC week ends around 9:30.

W1PO has his new 100V and we should be hearing from him; good luck Stan.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NEWS

Gil Crossley, W3YA and Bill Walker, W3NUG report that the Pittsburgh gang is coming back to life. They have selected new Chapter officers. Robert M. Francis, W3AVY, Chairman; Walter H. Bollinger, W3UGV, Secretary-Treasurer. Congratulations, Bob and Walter. Please keep headquarters posted.

K3ABN - Cecil W. Guyatt is now W4LFO in Richmond, Va., with Reynolds Metals. Latest project, an all transistor ham band receiver.

W3AER - Christopher E. Hobson joined Silent Keys last fall. His widow is still at their old address and would appreciate talking to his old friends.

W3AVY - Robert M. Francis was elected Chairman of Pittsburgh Chapter QCWA.

W3BSO - R. R. Richeimer has partly given up ham radio for his new love - a 25 foot cruiser.

W3CA - Kendall H. Speer has new rural QTH with immensely better DX qualities.

W3GEG - Alfred C. Heck is now resident Chief Engineer of FM station in Salem, Ohio.

W3EHE - Stanley Brown is Chief Engineer Duquesne Light Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

W3KSL - Richard S. Johnstone is now retired from American Bridge Co. and enjoying life.

W3KWN - Louis G. Fabian is still active, but closed out his side hobby of raising orchids. He still enjoys talking about them and helping others with their new orchid plants.

W3MGB - Randall R. Forester is among Silent Keys.

W3NUG - William G. Walker is nuts about building receivers and selling ARRL.

W6OFH/3 - Jack Gerson is not active on ham bands. He is with Radio Parts Co., Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

W3OX - Anthony Maglioli underwent successful cataract operation.

W3RFX - Dr. J. P. Donaldson has rebuilt his dental office around original and revolutionary ideas aimed at comfort for the patient.

W3UVG - Walter H. Bollinger was elected Sec.-Treas., Pittsburgh Chapter QCWA.

W3UL - Clarence P. Trimmer enjoys working and visiting DX countries. Next trip will be Hawaii.

SUNSHINE STATE NEWS

Congratulations are in order to Fred De Motte, W4RWM. Last month he was awarded a certificate for his "outstanding contribution to the field of RTTY communications and to amateur radio." The presentation was made by Dr. Albert Rielly, W4WMN of Jacksonville, Florida, President of the RTTY Society.

Your editor was pleasantly surprised to work Charlie Service W4IE on 15 meters. Our last contact was back in 1920 on 200 meters spark - let's not wait another 40 years, Charlie - any Sunday morning 10-11 A.M. you will find me on 21443 KC SSB, break in even though you use AM.

In his letter of Feb. 6th, Charlie asks why can't we have a Chapter or Chapters in the Florida area. Headquarters would like to see a Miami Chapter, a west coast chapter in Ft. Myers or St. Petersburg and a chapter in the central or northern part of Florida, say in Orlando. May we hear from K4KOB, Miami; W4DKJ, Ft. Myers and W4RWM, Jacksonville about such chapters for the Sunshine State of Florida?

PUERTO RICO NEWS

Everett Mayer, KP4KD down in Puerto Rico way reports:

Jack, KP4AZ, still hanging on at ARINC, has nice new shack, big tower and five element rotary to handle his KW. He is heard on both CW and phone quite regularly.

Paul, KP4CB, was transferred to Brazil, Rio some time ago with ITT and of course can't get on the air.

Ulises, KP4JA, is inactive. Getting Old? and let himself get outside the fold, but have him signed up until December 1963.

Al, KP4DV, is probably the guy with the most ham gear that is the least used of anyone on record. He keeps extremely busy with his business, CAP activities and his

boat; even misses hamfests lately which isn't like him.

Dick, KP4ZK, still pounding brass at WPR Ensenada. Been there for 33 years. He is still active now and then but sort of taken a back seat since his son, Richie, started up with KP4PZ.

Ev, KP4KD, still running the ARRL KP4 Qsl Bureau, and in between times grubs for certificate contacts, and tries to keep his head above water on DXCC. Skeds with son, KP4UJ, Arlington, Va., account for good part of operating time. Contacts with other son, KP4BJ, on personal basis since he is down here, Station Chief at ARINC.

CLEVELAND, OHIO NEWS

D. L. "Doc" Howe, W8EBJ, advises that the Cleveland Chapter QCWA has been reasonably active. Ellis Smith, W8QV, sees to it that a banquet is held twice a year. The last one was held in November and about 30 of the bunch were on hand.

W8BAH has a weekly ham column in the Sunday Plain Dealer. He gives QCWA publicity preceeding each of our banquets.

W8BF is doing fb DX on phone and is well up in the DX contests.

A sad note was the passing of W8AWF to the land of Silent Keys. In the land of no QRM, Joe will be recognized as he was buried with his QCWA pin in his lapel. He is missed.

W8AEU - E.C. for this district won the G. E. Edison award this year. A distinct honor and Walt certainly earned it. He did a tremendous job.

W8GW joined the Silent Keys last year. Bill was another enthusiastic member who is missed. W8NCE, also is a Silent Key.

W8AF active with three sons, active hams.

W8BKM is on low end of 80 most every Sunday morning.

W8EBJ gets on now and then QRP on most of the bands.

FINDLAY, OHIO NEWS

Don Daymon, W8QC, advises that W8UN, Clark Foltz is enjoying a nice vacation at Indian Rocks Beach, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Hack, W8HW, Lehr Hackenberger is still carrying the mail here at Findlay and has only about three years to go to be able to retire. He has the age requirement, but needs several more years to make the number of years required. Hack says it gets harder every year to tote that mail sack around even with the three wheel cart.

Wally, W8PD, Walter Seaman is still active on the airways mostly on 75 phone and is still working at the Ohio Oil Co. here at Findlay with only a short time to go before he can retire.

Ed W8QP, Ed Mitchell our old timer, just turned 87 years old and still on the air time to time; his health is good and he still seems to complain less than the rest of us about his aches and pains.

Milt W8AHJ, Milton Wilson isn't very active on the air, but still working with Eastman Kodak here at Findlay's finishing plant.

Everett W8UBI, Everette Seely is very active on the air 80 phone 20 and 40 CW and 80 mobile. He is a plant electrician for Autolite at their Fostoria, Ohio.

Bart W8WE, Bart Geib just retired from the Ohio State Patrol as Chief Operator and lives just north of Findlay at Van Buren. Bart had 22 years with the patrol and has looked forward with great interest to his retirement and is on the air a lot now. Here at Findlay, our standby frequency is 3812KC on phone and we hear the gang out in New Jersey on 3810 when they have their QCWA get-togethers. I have checked in with them on several occasions.

November I took a fast trip to Florida and worked all the way back to Findlay on 3812KC every morning about 6 A.M., with the help of the Southern Coffee Club keeping the frequency clear for me. I was able to work W8UBI and W8UN. I was heard

in London, Ontario and by an Army boy stationed down in the Panama Canal.

Merle W8CXN, Merle Reamsnyder our DX specialist of the Findlay QCWA gang is very busy in his job with Ohio Oil Co. Merle has well over two hundred countries under his belt. Not much SSB out this way, have tried it myself several times, but we can't get too worked up over it.

MICHIGAN NEWS

Ed Trombley, W8CAM, reports that the newly formed Michigan Chapter is to have its first meeting here in Saginaw at the Bancroft Hotel, during the time of the Michigan Hams Convention sponsored by our local club (Saginaw Valley Radio Ass'n.) at which time we plan to have an election. We also intend to plan activities for the chapter, etc.

This will be the first meeting of the Michigan Chapter because we only received the Charter last May or June. I might add, the Quarter Century boys are fairly active around here in the activities of the local Radio Club. We are sponsoring for this year for the Como Calkins award (this award is for the outstanding amateur of the year) a Quarter Century man whom we think will win. And as you know, I won it last year. So if our man wins it this year, that will be two out of three from the QCWA. This will be the third time award has been awarded.

Can't think of anything else, except possibly that I am very busy on this convention, being in charge of ticket sales, all advertising on the air and hotel reservations by radio.

UPPER MID WEST NEWS

"Tommy" Tomczyk, W0DBC advises that most of our members are at present occupied with SSB and RTTY on various bands. You probably read in the Feb. 1960 CQ a reference to W0BP, Boyd Phelps Memorial Station. The Minneapolis and St. Paul RATS (Radio Amateur Teletype Society) which includes

six QCWA members who are active at present with the installation of the equipment in the station. This station will be located at Fort Snelling near the Wold Chamberlin Airport. The station will be on the air and in operation in a very short time. The six QCWA members will also be operators at the station. This station is to be one of the finest active amateur stations in the country.

We are looking forward to using these facilities for our next QCWA contest including RTTY QSO'es.

Chuck Boegel, W/CVU, reports that he just got back from a trip to Hawaii and saw the Statehood Parade in Honolulu.

He also visited the Midwest Central Division ARRL Convention in St. Louis last September and had a very enjoyable time with many of our St. Louis members.

Chuck can be heard most any time on around 21430KC S/S with his KWS1 and his Telrex wide spaced beams.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS

George Davis, W6SJ, passes the following news along for us to read.

On Wednesday night, December 9, 1959, the So. California Chapter enjoyed a "fine business" turn-out of sixty or so glass-armed Wireless Operators and a good time was had by all. A seven course Steak Dinner complete with a nice door prize for both XYL's and the Old Goats got things off to a good start. The serious part of the meeting - Election of Officers for 1960 - was quickly dispensed with simply by a refusal on the part of the members to nominate anyone from the floor and a quick motion to reelect the 1959 officers. Only the Chairman, George Davis (W6SJ) and the Treasurer - Rudy Rear (W6HOB) were present to defend themselves, but despite their efforts, they both were blessed with carrying on the assignments for another year. Frankly, nothing has been heard from the 1959 Secretary - Eric Firth (W6EAY) since he was elected a year ago and Jack Nutt, 1959 Vice Chairman

(W6VC) was not able to attend the meeting so it looks like "George and Rudy" are the fair-haired boys for 1960. No complaints from them however, they are already planning the next big meeting which will be Sat., April 23rd, at the usual place, Rudi's Italian Inn, on Crenshaw Boulevard, so you fellows reading this, jot down the date in your Log Books and plan on attending. A good hour or two of discussion was enjoyed by the gang and at the close of the meeting, the membership expressed their wishes that the next meeting be "Operation Scrapbook" so you old goats now have ample time to scrounge around in your junk and dig out a few of your old souvenirs. Pick up a Photo Album and place your old cards and licenses etc. in it and bring it along to the meeting.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER NEWS

"Doc" F. C. Spike, W7OS, forwarded a most interesting report from the Northwest Chapter. The officers elected for 1960 are: Charles Emogh, W7ER, Chairman; Dr. F. Clifford Spike, W7OS, Secretary; Thomas R. Runnels, W7LQ, Vice Chairman. Congratulations again, Chuck, Ray and Doc.

As you all know, the Northwest Chapter has sponsored the "QCWA". QSO Party for three years in a row. This party has been growing each year and from the preliminary reports reaching headquarters, we understand that their Feb. 12th-14th party was a huge success. Results will be published in our next (April) News Letter.

The Northwest Chapter feels that we should now make this QSO Party A National affair and should be sponsored by each chapter in turn. Headquarters is in favor of this and would like comments and suggestions from other chapters. We understand that the Los Angeles (Southern California Chapter) would like to sponsor the 1961 QSO Party. Please communicate with our Executive Secretary, Ralph Barber, W2ZM.

To keep their members interested, the Northwest Chapter has a well-rounded, thoroughly planned program of activities. The territory covered by the Northwest Chapter is so large that it was necessary

to divide it into sections of, Oregon, Idaho, British Columbia, Alaska, and two sections in the State of Washington. Each section has a representative appointed by the chairman. It is this group who constitutes the Board of the Northwest Chapter. The Board holds meetings each Monday night at 1900 hours on their net frequency. The business of Chapter planning, etc. is right out in the open and everyone is given an opportunity to hear and make suggestions.

The Northwest Chapter holds two Dinner Meetings each year; publishes a roster of its members and goes a long way toward keeping its members happy and satisfied.

Headquarters comments that the Northwest Chapter is really on the ball. They are the most energetic group of "Old Timers" that we know of. They show tremendous initiative; they start things and see them through.

So once again, good luck Chuck, Ray and Doc.

SIDELINE PERSONALS

Paul Godley, our most esteemed Honorary member who has been one of our principal speakers on many occasions has been invited to speak before our Washington, D. C. Chapter at their winter dinner meeting to be held at Olney, Md., on Feb. 27th. Washington, D. C. Chapter Secretary, please be good enough to give us the details for our next news letter.

Garden City, N.Y. - Police are hunting a daring burglar who tiptoed into two bedrooms while the occupants were asleep early yesterday and made off with \$16,000 worth of cash, jewelry and furs.

Police said the burglary took place between midnight and 9 A.M. at the home of Dr. Lawrence Dunn, a dentist who resides at 20 Barnes Lane. Dunn and his wife were sleeping in a second-floor bedroom at the time of the theft. Mrs. Dunn's father, A. W. Pohl, who lives with the couple, was asleep in another second

floor bedroom. A maid was asleep downstairs.

Note: Dr. Larry Dunn is none other than our good old "Doc" W2CIA.

We are sorry to hear that Gene Turney, Jr. W2APT, lost his father - ex-W2ANG, E. T. Turney Sr. at 93 years of age. How well we remember Senior and his Turney phones and crystaloi detectors.

We regret to announce the death of Frank Miller, W2BUS; whose plane crashed in Paterson, N. J. on Thursday night, Feb. 18th, during severe rain and wind storm.

We are happy to hear from Jack Falkner, K6CRA. Congratulations to you Jack on your coming 87th birthday. Many happy returns.

Bill Schmezer, W3KRG, glad to hear that you are out of the hospital and are convalescing from a heart coronary. Easy does it.

Woody Cook, W9GJS, has just celebrated his 40th anniversary as a licensed ham. Keep up the good work, Woody.

Bart Geib, W8WE, just had a retirement party, celebrating 23 years as a commercial operator and 37 years as a ham.

We hear via the grapevine, that Alex Knights W2DZA is about to retire from RCA sound; good luck, Alex.

Understand that Charlie Laper, W8MM, has also retired and now spends his time on 40 and 80 CW with some 10 meter phone for DX.

J. V. Cummings, VE7TF writes that he is on RTTY 40 meters and would like to hear from QCWA members who are on RTTY.

Ted Lowe, K6FH, reports that John Griggs, W6KW, has established a new business and is the President of Transpace, Inc., out in San Fernando. The product first to be introduced is a beautiful transceiver for the CB frequencies.

Joe Reidel, W6SKT (former Treas. of the LA Chapter) is now Magnetics Project Engineer of the Elec. Div. of Hydro-Aire (Div. Crane Co.) out Burbank way.

Sponsorship of next year's QSO party for QCWA by the LA Chapter is gathering momentum among the group - final decision will be made next meeting in April and the powers that be advised in the premise.

Your correspondent has his wrist oil out and getting ready for this years melee in hopes that he will at least make it interesting for those who do participate.

K6FH received a certificate of Commendation from the Western Single Sideband Assoc. which proudly hangs alongside the QCWA membership certificate and Award of Merit from SecNav. Permanent retirement became effective Dec. 1, 1959.

Many of our members across the Country are nearing or have a total of FIFTY years activity; Methinks it's high time that a GOLD membership card or a GOLD sticker so indicating would be in order for affixing to the membership certificate, to be awarded each year in person by the Chapter - would be a nice gesture. Maybe a small pendant for attachment to the membership pin would be acceptable, but definite recognition should be provided. Headquarters would like to hear from members who have been active for 50 years.

Frank Gregory, W5KW, formerly W3CO writes from Tulsa, Oklahoma that he visited New York City and talked to several of the clan during his visit. He then proceeded to Palm Beach, Florida, where he, along with some sixty others, was the guest for lunch, golf and dinner at the Boca Raton Club in Boca Raton, Florida, of W2KG and W4VEC. We would welcome the details for our April News Letter.

W5KW is the proud owner of a complete S-Line which is adorning his new home at 3108 East 58th Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The S-Line was presented to Frank as a housewarming present and what a wonderful present and what a wonderful guy to think that the house needed such warming!

W5FWZ, M.E. (Bob) Morrow is the proud owner of a KWM2. Bob is working all kinds of places on five different bands these days. He has found 40 of particular interest. Bob was in New York and Boston a couple of weeks ago where he contacted several of the clan with the usual experience of good fellowship.

W5ATB, Ronnie Durham, has recently gotten his 40-meter antenna up and can be heard on this band for the first time in many years. Incidentally, Ronnie has recently taken on a new wife, Mary Frances, and is a welcome addition to our Family. She is a most charming and attractive brunette. Congratulations to Ronnie.

Ray Meyers, W6MLZ, advises that on March 1st he is again retiring; this is the fourth time; you can't keep a good man down.

Gordon Mc Clain, VE3GE, reports that he is now in an excellent ham location and will shortly be back on the air. Also Gordon advises that he has held the same call letters for 41 years and that it is some kind of a record. We would like to hear from any member who has held the same call letters for a longer period. We can think of "Doc" Cyriax, W2DI, who I think, has held the same call and has lived at the same address since 1913. Come on - let's hear from you.

"Red" Redington, W4ZM, advises that Ralph Ladd, W3KA, was one of three Potomac Valley Radio Club members operating from Swan Island in the Caribbean with the call KS4AZ. Operation on A-1 and A-3a (CW and SSB) are sure with possible operation on A-3 (AM). At least three QCWA members in the Washington area have contacted KS4AZ, namely W3SW, W3HN and W4ZM. The SSB equipment operates on 14.272 Mc/s, lower side band only. Because the receiver is controlled by the same crystal as the transmitter (so I am told), and the operator has essentially no control over the locally injected carrier, it is difficult to raise them unless you are just about right on. Anyway, it was fun. By the time this is written up, their exploits on Swan Island will be history,